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Michael Douglas Fortune, 41, of Bridgeport died Saturday, July 18, 2015, in Bridgeport.

Graveside service is 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 4, at Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery in Dallas with Jim Taylor officiating.

Michael was born May 27, 1974, in Lubbock. He spent his early childhood in Big Spring and then relocated with his family to Tyler in 1988. He graduated from John Tyler High School in 1992, where he was active in the ROTC.

Michael joined the Army immediately after graduation and served at Fort Benning, Ga., and Fort Polk, La. After being discharged from the Army, he worked all over the United States at various jobs. He served time in Bosnia as a laundry and bath specialist supporting the troops for Brown and Root, worked as an over-the-road trucker, did a stint as a deep-sea fisherman, and was an insurance adjuster in Louisiana after Hurricane Katrina. After being medically disabled, Michael enjoyed traveling and living life to the fullest. He never met a stranger and would help anyone who needed it. Michael accepted Christ as his Lord and savior, in his teens at First Church of the Nazarene in Big Spring.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Harold and Lilah Coleman, Theodore Douglas and Mary Fortune; and stepson Brant Boatman. He is survived by his wife, Jennifer of Bridgeport; children Jimmy Fortune of Tyler, Austin, Ashleigh and Zoe of Rusk, Noah Blanchard of St. Martin, La., Analeisha Fortune of Dayton, Ohio, and Brianna Fortune of Bridgeport. He's also survived by his parents, Jim and Dixie Fortune of Tyler; siblings Michelle and Brian Bridges of Tyler, Brandi and Peyton Luther of Conroe, Billy and Samantha Fortune of Tyler and Eric and Ashley Fortune of Whitehouse; his aunt and uncle, Dena and Fred John of Tyler; and 13 nephews and nieces.